

## ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL IS AGREED UPON BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

CARRIES SPECIAL FUND OF \$15,000  
FOR MILITARY OBSERVERS IN  
EUROPE.

FOLLOWS VERY CLOSELY THE  
ESTIMATE OF THE DEPART-  
MENT OF WAR.

A LIBERAL APPROPRIATION IS  
ASKED FOR AMMUNITION AND  
OTHER MATERIALS.

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The army  
appropriation bill, aggregating \$100-  
000,000, agreed upon today by the  
house military committee carries a  
special fund of \$15,000 for the United  
States military observers in Europe.  
The bill follows the war department's  
estimate very closely.

"We have given them practically  
everything they asked for," said Chair-  
man Hay, referring to appropriations  
for ammunition and other materials  
for defense.

Representative Gardner arranged  
today for a hearing before the commit-  
tee next week on the question of pre-  
paredness.

## John D. Asks For Injunction

SEEKS TO KEEP COUNTY TREAS-  
URER FROM COLLECTING TAX  
ON BIG HOLDINGS.

By Associated Press.  
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 19.—John D.  
Rockefeller, through his attorney, to-  
day filed in the United States District  
Court a petition asking that an injunc-  
tion be granted restraining County  
Treasurer O'Brien from collecting  
taxes on \$311,040,337 assessments placed  
on the Rockefeller holdings by the  
Cuyahoga county tax commissioner. In  
the petition Mr. Rockefeller declares  
that he is a resident of New York State,  
and that he maintains a residence there,  
and "performs the functions of a citi-  
zen of that state." He specifically  
states that he votes in New York.

Mr. Rockefeller says he ceased to be  
a resident of Ohio and Cleveland in  
1885. Up to that year, he says, he  
maintained a permanent home in  
Cleveland, but in that year moved to  
New York, where his legal home has  
been since. The petition describes the  
Cleveland Forest Hill estate of Mr.  
Rockefeller as a "place where he main-  
tains a summer home and which he oc-  
casional visits."



THE WEATHER—Western Penn-  
sylvania—Cloudy tonight and Sunday.  
Probably snow flurries. Colder to-  
night. West Virginia—Rain or snow  
and colder tonight. Sunday fair and  
colder.

## READ THE WEST VIRGINIAN

It is on sale each evening at  
the following places:

- FAIRMONT.  
Fairmont News Agency,  
Monroe street.  
Marion News Agency, Main  
street.  
A. G. Martin's News Agency,  
Main street.  
J. H. McCloskey, Drug Store,  
Locust avenue.  
Hamilton Drug Co., Tenth  
street.  
Moran and Springer, Water  
street.  
J. B. Rose, Main St. and  
Parks avenue.  
Holt's Novelty Store, Main  
street.  
Clarence Fisher, Grocer, Mar-  
ket and Columbia Sts., First  
ward.  
Howard C. Cunningham, Gro-  
cer, Morgantown Ave., near  
Owens' Works.  
MANNINGTON  
Smith and Millan News  
Agency.  
FARMINGTON  
F. G. Gray, Grocer.

## CHAS. E. MANLEY IS NAMED FOR POSTMASTER

GETS CONGRESSMAN NEELY'S  
NOMINATION FOR LOCAL  
PLACE.

HIS NAME LIKELY TO BE SENT  
TO SENATE WITHIN NEXT  
FEW DAYS.

A. HOWARD FLEMING RETIRING  
HAS HELD THE OFFICE FOR  
17 YEARS.

Congressman M. M. Neely, late yes-  
terday afternoon, recommended Chas.  
E. Manley, of this city, as Fairmont's  
postmaster to succeed A. Howard  
Fleming when his term expires on  
the 21st day of next month.

While the nomination of Mr. Man-  
ley has not yet been sent to the Sen-  
ate, it is expected that the President  
will present his name within the next  
few days.

From the time that the trend of pol-  
itical affairs assured the appointment  
of a Democrat to the postmastership,  
it has been known that Mr. Manley  
has had the best chance to land the  
position. While at first there were  
a large number of aspirants for the  
honor which was certain to be be-  
stowed upon some Democrat, the  
Democratic leaders by providing other  
remunerative positions for a ma-  
jority of the party workers who had  
the postoffice buzz in their  
bonnets, have gradually eliminated  
them one by one until it was appar-  
ent that Mr. Manley had the leading  
chance. Mr. Manley held the office  
of County Clerk under the Democratic  
party for the period of twelve years.

A. Howard Fleming, the retired  
postmaster, has held his present po-  
sition for seventeen years, having wit-  
nessed the growth of the office from  
small proportions until now it is in a  
handsome new building, well equip-  
ped to handle mail of a city many  
times as large.

The postmaster has charge of about  
55 employees, which includes the car-  
riers on the city deliveries and also  
the rural carriers.

## Official Statement For Today

By Associated Press.  
PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French war  
office this afternoon gave out the  
official announcement:

"During the day of December 18 we  
organized in Belgium, the territory  
won from the enemy the evening be-  
fore to the south of Dixmude and we  
advanced our front to the south of  
Kortker.

"Our advance south of Ypres has  
been continued over a very difficult  
and swampy territory. From the Lys  
to the Oise, we have progressed in the  
region of Notre Dame de Consolation,  
south of LaBasse, by more than one  
kilometer. During the past two days  
we also made progress in the direc-  
tion of Carency, St. Laurent and  
Blangy.

"In spite of the very spirited coun-  
ter attacks, the positions taken by  
us December 17 have been retained.  
"In the region of Albert during the  
night from December 17 to the 18th  
and during the day of the 18th we ad-  
vanced under a very violent fire of  
the enemy and we reached the barbed  
wire entanglements of the second  
line of German trenches.

"To the north of Maricourt we were  
obliged to abandon a trench aban-  
doned the night before by the enemy  
and set on fire by means of hand  
grenades.

## Swiss Fear No Invasion

FIRST HEAVY SNOW MAKES THE  
ALPINE PASSES IMPASS-  
ABLE.

By Associated Press.  
GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—  
With the winter snows in full posses-  
sion of the border district Switzerland  
began to feel that her frontiers were  
safe from violation until spring. Or-  
ders already have been issued for the  
demobilization of three divisions of  
the frontier guards and several more  
divisions will be sent home before  
the New Year, leaving only a small  
guard along the boundary line.

None of the Alpine passes are re-  
garded as passable after the first  
heavy snowfall.

## Allies Continue Their Advance In France And West Flanders

### British Lose No Warships In Coast Fight

ADMIRALTY SAYS ALL GERMAN  
REPORTS TO CONTRARY ARE  
UNTRUE.

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The admiralty  
has issued a statement denying that  
any British warships were lost dur-  
ing the recent raid by a German  
squadron on the east coast of Eng-  
land.

The statement adds that all German  
assertions to the contrary are untrue.  
That the British destroyer Hardy  
was among the warships which en-  
gaged the German squadron was dis-  
closed by an admiralty casualty list  
issued tonight. The list shows that  
two men were killed and 15 were  
wounded aboard the Hardy.

Seven wounded men have been land-  
ed at South Shields from one of the  
British destroyers, a lieutenant and  
six sailors, and accommodations have  
been prepared for 50 more wounded.  
The death toll among civilians at  
Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby  
may reach 125. Seven soldiers were  
killed at West Hartlepool and five  
sailors lost their lives during the en-  
gagement between the Germans and  
the British flotilla. The known civil-  
ian dead is 96.

### This Report Not Denied

GERMAN AVIATOR DROPS TEN  
BOMBS AT CALAIS—NONE HIT  
DESIGNED MARK.

By Associated Press.  
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Aviation Lieu-  
tenant Kaspar, who is in private life  
a referendary or apprentice jurist, is  
back in Berlin after another series of  
daring flights. The most important  
carried him over Calais, where he  
strived to destroy some of the hostile  
ships in that harbor. He dropped 10  
bombs, but none of them hit the de-  
signed mark. A hot fire greeted him  
upon his arrival and grew steadily  
hotter. Finally high angle guns on  
some of the ships began to work and  
Kaspar, his bombs exhausted, returned  
to his base.

It was Lieutenant Kaspar, who flew  
over Dover some weeks ago and drop-  
ped a number of bombs. He also has  
made several flights over Paris. The  
wings of his aeroplane show the na-  
ture of the fire to which he has been  
subjected on his various trips. There  
are more than 400 bullet holes in them.

### England's Casualty List High

MANY ARE KILLED AND WOUND-  
ED IN THE WEST FLANDERS  
CAMPAIGN.

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—During three  
weeks ended December 7th, 92 Brit-  
ish officers were killed in France, 150  
were wounded and 20 were reported  
missing. The losses were rather even-  
ly scattered through virtually all the  
organization at the front, no one re-  
giment had more than 3 officers killed.  
The Indian contingent evidently has  
been active for losses were heavy.  
25 British officers attached to the  
Indian forces were killed, 49 wound-  
ed and 10 were reported missing. The  
total casualty of officers killed since  
war began is, killed, 1,058; wounded,  
2,071; missing, 602.

SOUTH HAMPTON, Dec. 19.—In-  
sanity and nervous prostration are  
claiming large number of the allies  
who have lain for weeks under Ger-  
man fire in the trenches about Ypres.  
The insanity wards in the big govern-  
ment hospital at Netley, are filled to  
overflowing and all the hospitals in  
the south of England have many pa-  
tients who suffered absolute nervous  
collapse and have been sent back to  
England for treatment. Most of the  
cases show decided improvement as  
soon as they get into new surround-  
ings and are afforded quiet.

### Flag For Official Opening To Be Made In Betsy Ross House

By Associated Press.  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The  
American flag to be unfurled at the  
official opening of the Panama canal  
will be made in the Betsy Ross House  
in this city, and each of the stars to  
be placed in the flag will be supplied  
by the Governor of one of the states  
of the union, according to announce-  
ment made yesterday at a meeting  
of the Executive committee and mem-  
bers of the Bi-Centennial Association.  
The committee will ask President Wil-  
son to release the flag by pressing  
an electric button at Washington.

### Berlin Still In Festive Array

GERMAN CAPITAL CONTINUES TO  
CELEBRATE VICTORY IN  
POLAND.

By Associated Press.  
BERLIN, via London, Dec. 19.—  
Berlin is still in festive array today  
celebrating the reported victory in Po-  
land, but the people experienced a  
shade of disappointment from the  
brevity of the official war bulletin,  
which failed to supply any further de-  
tails of the Polish engagement. The  
newspapers point out this afternoon  
that the present developments in the  
eastern arena of the war will require  
several days to reach a stage where  
the net results can be approximately  
set forth. In the meanwhile various  
rumors are circulating concerning the  
large number of prisoners taken by the  
Germans.

### 100 Lives Lost When The Messudieh Sunk

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Copenha-  
gen dispatch reports that a German  
aeroplane has been stranded on the  
Danish Islands of Sano, in the North  
sea. The aviator, an officer and sol-  
dier, were arrested and will be inter-  
ned in Denmark.

### German Aeroplane Reported Stranded

By Associated Press.  
ATHENS, via London, Dec. 19.—  
Semi official announcement is made  
here that 100 lives were lost includ-  
ing some German officers when the  
Turkish battleship Messudieh, which  
was torpedoed by a British subma-  
rine sank in the Dardanelles.

### Arrested for Stealing Store Coupon Book

Thomas McDaniel, a colored man  
from Grant Town, was sentenced to  
ten days in the county jail by Justice  
Mugrove today.  
McDaniel was arrested by Constable  
Skinner on the charge of stealing a  
store coupon book of the Federal  
Coal and Coke Company and then at-  
tempting to trade it out at the store.  
He was caught and his arrest fol-  
lowed. McDaniel claimed as his de-  
fense that he found the book and did  
not steal it.

### Plum Pudding For Tommy Atkins

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Every man in  
a British uniform on land or at sea  
will have plum pudding for Christmas  
dinner. The Christmas pudding fund  
has raised a fund amounting to over  
£40,000 and provided over half a mil-  
lion puddings. These have been dis-  
patched to the fleet in the North Sea  
and elsewhere and to such distant  
points as Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus  
and also to the battle lines. Even  
the interned men in Holland who es-  
caped annihilation by the Germans fol-  
lowing the attack on Antwerp only  
by crossing the border of a neutral  
country, will have their puddings on  
Christmas day.

Mrs. John S. Scott and daughter,  
Miss Pearl, will leave Wednesday for  
Kansas City, Mo., where they will  
visit the former's sister, Mrs. Thom-  
as Hall.

GROUND GAINED COUNTERBAL-  
ANCES THAT LOST BY THE  
RUSSIANS.

KAISER IS PREVENTED FROM  
REINFORCING HIS ARMY IN  
POLAND.

REPORTS SENT OUT FROM BER-  
LIN AND PETROGRAD ARE  
REPUGNANT.

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The co-ordina-  
tion of military movements in the east  
and the west which has been observed  
since the commencement of the war is  
now shown in a striking way in the of-  
fensive movement of the Allies in Nor-  
thern France and Flanders keeping the  
Germans engaged in preventing them  
from sending reinforcements eastward.  
The Allies claim gains in Flanders and  
France during the past few days, which  
are said to counterbalance any German  
advances in Poland.

have preceded a general German vic-  
tory.

It is regarded as quite possible that  
the Teutonic allies have scored suc-  
cesses in some localities, although there  
is no information available as to their  
time or location.

The reverse which Petrograd says  
the Germans have suffered in the re-  
gion of Miawa, near the East Prussian  
frontier, is believed in London to have  
interfered with the operations of the  
Germans along the Vistula. It is as-  
serted unofficially at Petrograd that  
the Germans have evacuated Lodz,  
leaving the city of no greater strategic  
value to them than it was to the Rus-  
sians.

Whatever are the facts of the situa-  
tion in the Vistula region, the present  
situation there apparently is exerting  
no influence upon the crucial opera-  
tions to the south around Cracow.

### Big Orders Are Placed In Chicago

FRANCE IS IN THE MARKET FOR  
WORKING MEN'S TROUSERS.

ENGLAND GOVERNMENT PRE-  
PARES ESTIMATE FOR 6,500  
MOTOR TRUCKS.

By Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Forty-eight  
thousand pairs of trousers, costing  
\$72,000 were ordered here today by  
buyers for the French Government.  
The contract is a rush order. The  
trousers are of the ordinary work-  
ingmen's type for use of miners of  
the British army.

The British government is prepar-  
ing estimates for 6,500 motor trucks  
according to information received by  
Chicago manufacturers. This order  
it was estimated would amount to \$10,  
000,000 as the trucks would probably  
average about \$1500 each.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### The First National Bank Will Open a

### LANDIS CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

Monday, December 21st

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

The purpose of the Club is to help you and  
others accumulate a fund for Christmas or  
other purposes.

You pay in a little each week, for 50 weeks,  
and get your money back just before Christ-  
mas.

The first payment makes you a member—  
there are no fees, fines or trouble.

The payments are so small any one can  
easily keep them up.

The plan is so simple a child can easily  
become a member and make the payments.

You have everything to gain—you can't  
lose a cent.

EVERYBODY—old or young, is welcome to  
become a member.

ASK US ALL ABOUT IT—Call or Write.

The First National Bank  
of Fairmont

CAMEOS  
Antique and Modern

Sheffield Trays  
English and American

A. B. SCOTT & CO.,  
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